

visit and coordinate services for those in need of assistance in managing and in accessing benefits and medical and social services to which they are entitled. Project Renewal provides information, referral and ongoing monitoring and care management as well as providing some special services that are not offered by other service providers. The agency also collaborates with organizations at all levels to develop and improve coordination of services for the homeless and formerly homeless persons who need individualized community-based preventive protective services if they are to live safely in their own homes. Thanks in no small part to Edward Geffner's expert leadership, Project Renewal now provides dedicated and compassionate assistance to more than 10,000 New Yorkers every year.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of a lifetime of service to others, I request that my distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to Edward Geffner, a great New Yorker and a great American. Throughout a career of professional and voluntary activity, he has fought for and secured immeasurable improvements to the quality of life of his fellow New Yorkers. Edward Geffner's selfless and enduring dedication to public and community serves as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING MR. CARL VILARDO

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Carl Vilardo. Mr. Vilardo served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Westfield Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Vilardo served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Vilardo is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN WOODEN

SPEECH OF

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Coach John Wooden. As a student of the University of California, Los Angeles during Coach Wooden's tenure, I recall with nostalgia the spirit of honor and humility that he embodied. For a man with a larger-than-life reputation and unparalleled winning record, John Wooden was surprisingly modest—a trait that many would say is particularly uncommon

in Los Angeles. His playing career at the high school, college, and professional levels was marked by numerous record-breaking and award-winning performances, and his coaching career was no different. He led the UCLA Bruins to an unmatched 10 National Championships in NCAA Men's Basketball and four perfect seasons, one of which was while I was a law student at UCLA. It was an incredible time to be a Bruin. Coach Wooden was the first person to be inducted to the basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach, and remains one of only a handful of people to earn the dual honors.

I can't talk about John without mentioning Nell, his wife of over 50 years. Like Coach Wooden, Nellie Wooden was until her death in 1985 an integral part of the fabric of UCLA and a fixture in the crowd at the court that now bears her and her husband's names. She always wore a smile, and a game rarely started without it.

John Wooden's spirit will continue to roam the hills of Westwood by the blue Pacific shore. My colleagues and I can all take a page out of Coach Wooden's playbook when it comes to teamwork and diligence. May his memory be a blessing and his life an example to us all.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION  
FOR ORA MAE HARN, THE FIRST  
LADY OF MARANA

**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ora Mae Harn, the First Lady of Marana, Arizona, who on June 10th will be honored at the Marana Council Chambers for her work to establish the Marana Heritage Conservancy.

Ora Mae Harn is the former mayor and current town historian of Marana, a fast-growing community in the northwestern corner of Arizona's 8th Congressional District. Those two titles, however, do not even come close to describing the extraordinary impact that Ora Mae has had on her hometown.

Ora Mae is one of the most prominent voices and faces of Marana. She is well-known as a tireless champion for the citizens of Marana and their interests. If any one person can embody the community spirit that defines Marana, it is Ora Mae Harn.

The residents of Marana acknowledge the contributions of Ora Mae every time they play a ball game, use a grill or go for a stroll at Ora Mae Harn Park. Having a park named after her is one way that her grateful community expresses appreciation for all she has done to implement the vision that has made Marana such a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

Ora Mae was a member of the Marana Town Council and served as mayor for eight years. As a public servant, her commitment and dedication to the betterment of Marana always were obvious. Under her wise leadership, the town grew from an agricultural community to the family-friendly town it is today.

When Ora Mae moved to Marana in 1961, she immediately became involved in civic life. Early on she worked for the Marana Unified

School District driving a school bus and cooked in the school cafeteria. She helped found and worked at the Marana Health Center and she still helps the center with fundraising to this day. She also has served as the president of the Arizona Women in Municipal Government and as a representative to the Pima Association of Governments.

Ora Mae's activism went beyond the corridors of government. She applied her well-honed organizational skills to Marana's Founder's Day Committee, the Sister Cities Program, Yoem Pueblo Rehabilitation Project and the Lot Beautification Program. She also was instrumental in the formation of the Marana Food Bank.

Today, in addition to serving as the town historian, Ora Mae heads the Marana Heritage Conservancy, which aims to preserve and enhance the town's past. Given her longstanding association with and deep love for Marana, there is no better person for that important job.

Recently the Marana Town Council entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Marana Heritage Conservancy. This unanimous decision affirmed the credibility of the Conservancy and Ora Mae's efforts to develop an organization that will ensure that the history of Marana is preserved and shared with current and future residents of the Town.

Town Manager Gilbert Davidson summed up how much this decision by the Town Council is attributable to Ora Mae's leadership. He wrote: "Former Mayor Ora Mae Harn played a crucial role in getting the Conservancy to this point. She has been a Marana champion for many years, and it was her hard work that helped create the Conservancy. Ora Mae is one of a kind and a true inspiration. Her dedication to the Town's progress helped put Marana on the map and made us the outstanding community we are today."

On behalf of the citizens of Marana and myself, I commend Ora Mae Harn and thank her for the more than four decades she has devoted to the Town of Marana. There is no doubt that her legacy will endure, as her town continues to grow and prosper in the decades to come. Because of her work, Marana will always remember its rich history. She is truly Marana's Heritage Ambassador.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2010*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, I missed 1 vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 351, on Agreeing to the Edwards Amendment No. 12, I would have voted "yea."

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD  
LABOR

**HON. PHIL HARE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2010*

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support and recognition of World Day